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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Jeffrey L. Cleland; Amy Lim; Michael F. Powell

Application No.: 08/846,933

Filed: 4/30/1997

For: **Compositions For Microencapsulation  
Of Antigens For Use As Vaccines**

Examiner: Hines J.

Art Unit: 1645

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**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. The following document(s) is/are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period for response by 3 months.

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims.**

Claims 1, 4-9, and 23-28 are pending. For the Examiner's convenience, a complete set of the currently pending claims is provided as Appendix A. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the withdrawal of finality of the Office Action dated October 19, 2000 and the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and the § 103 rejections based on Floy *et al.*

**35 U.S.C. § 103(a).**

**Sanders, Eldridge, and Jeffery**

Claims 1, 4-9, and 23-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious in light of Sanders *et al.*, *J. Pharmaceutical Sciences* 73:1294-97 (1984) ("Sanders"), Eldridge *et al.*,